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In re Patent Application of:
Martin Stjernstrom

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Art Unit: 1743

For: LIQUID MICROVOLUME HANDLING
SYSTEM

Examiner: D. K. Handy

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.